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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC. REQUEST FOR LIMITED MODIFICATION OF LATA BOUNDARIES IN NEW JERSEY

CC Docket No. 96-159

Pleading Cycle Established

Comments Due: February 19, 2004

Reply Comments Due: February 26, 2004

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on a petition filed by Verizon New Jersey Inc. requesting modification of local access and transport area (LATA) boundaries to provide two-way service between the North Jersey and Delaware Valley LATAs to permit service through a single exchange to a new residential housing development that would otherwise be served by two exchanges in different LATAs.¹

Interested parties may file comments concerning this request on or before **February 19, 2004**, and reply comments on or before **February 26, 2004**. All filings must reference **CC Docket No. 96-159**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the subject line "get form <your e-mail address>". A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th

¹ Verizon New Jersey Inc., Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries, CC Docket No. 96-159 (filed Mar. 6, 2003).

Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A461, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Dennis Johnson. In addition, comments should be served upon the Petitioner. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Dennis Johnson.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The petition will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the petition may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. In addition, the petition is available via the Commission's ECFS accessible through the World Wide Web at http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch_v2.cgi under proceeding **CC Docket No. 96-159**.

For further information, contact Dennis Johnson, (202) 418-0809 (voice), Dennis.Johnson@fcc.gov, or William Cox (202) 418-2173 (voice), William.Cox@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484.

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